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IN REPLY PLEASE

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**SANTA MONICA CATCH BASIN SCREENS
CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

Find that the Santa Monica Catch Basin Screens project to install debris excluders onto existing Los Angeles County Flood Control District-owned catch basins in the City of Santa Monica, within existing rights of way, is categorically exempt pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the project is to prevent trash from entering the catch basins and flowing into the rivers, beaches, and ocean. The proposed project consists of the installation of debris excluders to approximately 160 existing Los Angeles County Flood Control District-owned catch basins in the City of Santa Monica.

In accordance with the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, we request your concurrence that the proposed project is categorically exempt. A Notice of Exemption will be prepared for the project and posted for public review.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence. By implementing the proposed improvements, residents of the County will be provided with enhanced water quality.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund.

The total project cost is estimated at \$588,800. Funding for the preliminary engineering cost in the amount of \$137,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Flood Control District Fund Budget. Funding for the construction cost in the amount of \$451,800 was included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2006-07 Flood Control District Fund proposed Budget. We have secured funding in the amount of \$214,000 in Federal Transportation Enhancement Activities funds to partially finance the construction cost of the project.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The recommended finding is in accordance with the CEQA and is required prior to filing the Notice of Exemption with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The CEQA requires public agency decision makers to document and consider the environmental implications of their action. The project qualifies for a categorical exemption pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 1(e) of the County Environmental Guidelines.

Upon approval of the exemption by your Board, a \$25 handling fee will be paid to the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for filing the Notice of Exemption in accordance with the requirements of Section 21152(a) of the California Public Resources Code.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

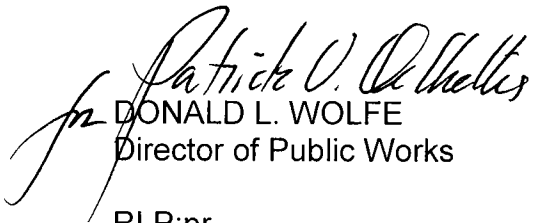
The project will not have a significant impact on current services or projects currently planned.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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DONALD L. WOLFE
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel